

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1 - 20 are pending in the application.

The drawings are objected to (paragraph 1 of the rejection) for failing to show every feature in the claims. However, the wheel frame is clearly shown at 12, the cylinder mounting structure is shown at 50, and the roller structure is shown at 100. Further, the assembly 10 is clearly a part of the implement frame structure. For further clarification, the claims are now amended to more closely parallel the language in the specification. Therefore, any need that arguably may have existed for corrected drawings to show every feature in the claims is believed to be obviated. There is believed to be sufficient basis in the specification at paragraph [0013] to support the "cylinder mounting structure" (paragraph 2 of the rejection). Again, this terminology has been modified in the claims to more closely parallel the specification.

Claim 1 from which claims 2 and 7 depend are modified to clarify the "frame" language (paragraphs 3 and 4 of the rejection).

Claims 3, 8, 9, 13 and 15, indicated to have allowable subject matter, are now written in independent form, and the features as now set forth in the claims are clearly shown in the existing drawings. Therefore, these claims and claim 14 dependent from claim 13, are believed to be in order for allowance.

Claim 1 is amended to set forth a retainer connected to the first rod and rotatable with respect to the rod; and a shield connected to retainer for movement with the rod so that the rod remains protected from the material as the first rod is moved, the retainer rotating with respect to the rod to limit torque transmission between the shield and the first rod. No such torque limiting structure is believed to be shown in the references, taken alone or in any combination, including the Ima reference wherein the shield appears to be angularly fixed with respect to the rod. Therefore, claim 1 and claims 2, 4 - 7, and 10 dependent therefrom, are believed to

be in order for allowance.

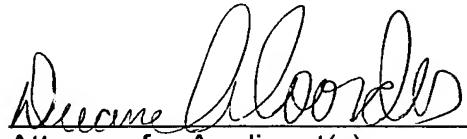
Claim 11 is amended to include means constraining the shield for lateral movement with the shield structure while facilitating relative rotation between the rod structure and the shield. Such structure which acts to limit torque transmission between shield and rod is believed to not be shown in the references, including Ima. Therefore, claim 11 and claims 12, 16 and 17 dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable over the references cited.

Claim 18 is rejected as being anticipated by Ima. However, this rejection is believed to be in error since Ima does not show a "single" cylinder with cylinder rods extending from opposite ends of the cylinder barrel. Ima instead appears to show a cylinder with a single rod. Further, the cylinder guard structure shown in Ima, such as at 21, fails to provide protection of the cylinder and both the rods substantially over the range of steered positions. Claim 18 is amended to clarify that the shield includes a protective wall (see, for example 74 of Fig. 5) having a length approximately equal to the rod end spacing, and is movable in response to movement of the wheel assembly by the steering cylinder to provide protection of the cylinder and the rods substantially over the range of steered positions. Ima fails to show or suggest such structure in combination with the remaining structure as set forth in claim 18. Therefore, claim 18 and claims 19 - 20 dependent therefrom are believed to be in order for allowance.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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